

DECLARATION

a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHODS FOR PREVENTING CARDIAC HYPERTROPHY AND HEART FAILURE BY INHIBITION OF MEF2 TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR INHIBITOR**, the Specification of which:



is attached hereto.



was filed on November 10, 1999 as Application Serial No. 09/438,075.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

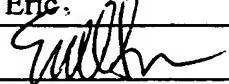
I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, United States provisional application(s), or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, United States provisional application, or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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